

House Resolution No. 1065

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who have proven to be exemplary professionals in their chosen fields of endeavor; and

Whereas, Bev Brown of Kansas City, Missouri, has attained considerable distinction as an Of Counsel with the law firm of Shook Hardy & Bacon, for which she works in the National Products Liability Division; and

Whereas, on March 15, 2008, Bev Brown will enhance her already impressive record of achievement when she receives an Outstanding Alumni Award from the University of Missouri's Black Law Students Association at its 22nd Annual Lloyd L. Gaines Scholarship Event; and

Whereas, noted for her outstanding briefing skills, flair for developing case strategies, and exceptional aptitude for handling all facets of complex litigation, Bev Brown began working for Shook Hardy & Bacon in 1999 as an Associate who took on an array of product liability cases for Philip Morris USA, Lorillard Tobacco Company, and Miller Brewing Company; and

Whereas, in addition to her legal work, Bev Brown has provided company leadership by serving as a member of the Pro Bono, Recruiting, and Diversity committees and by working closely with the Professional Development Committee on associate training and mentoring; and

Whereas, Bev Brown temporarily interrupted her tenure at Shook Hardy & Bacon in order to write a novel and to develop and teach a number of writing courses for civic and nonprofit organizations; and

Whereas, Bev Brown also deserves mention of her service on numbers of boards of directors and for her co-designing a workshop titled "How to Think Like a Lawyer" to help first-year law students with exams; and

Whereas, Bev Brown prepared for her diverse endeavors by earning a Bachelor of Arts cum laude degree in English for Murray State University and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Missouri-Columbia;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the well-deserved selection of Bev Brown for an Outstanding Alumni Award from the Black Law Students Association of the University of Missouri and to convey to her this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes for continued personal and professional success for many more years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Bev Brown of Kansas City, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Bryan Pratt
District No. 55

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 1065, adopted March 12, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker